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**BRIEFINGS AND DEBRIEFINGS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS  
OF THE CONGRESS AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT TO CIA.**

During the 83rd Congress CIA conducted ten senatorial briefings and eleven congressional briefings, and debriefed five Senators, two Congressmen, and two members of Congressional Committee staffs.

a. The following persons were briefed by CIA prior to their trips abroad, and debriefed upon their return:

1. The Vice President in connection with his 1953 trip to Asia; the Vice President was also briefed by CIA field personnel in the course of his trip.

2. Senator William F. Knowland (R., Cal.), Senate Majority Leader, was briefed in his office in California prior to his trip to Asia; he also received briefings by CIA field personnel en route.

3. Senator H. Alexander Smith (R., N. J.), of the Foreign Relations Committee, together with Dr. Wilcox of the Committee staff, were briefed prior to their 1953 trip to Asia, and also received some field briefing.

4. Senator Allen J. Ellender (D., La.) of the Appropriations Committee, was briefed prior to his 1954 trip to Europe, the Middle East, and Southern Asia.

5. Senator Arthur Watkins (R., Utah), Chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee, received a briefing on general refugee matters in Berlin in 1953. This briefing was done by [REDACTED] Senator Watkins was debriefed by Legislative Counsel on his return from his trip, which included Europe and the Middle East.

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6. Congressman Walter Judd (R., Minn.), of the Foreign Affairs Committee, was briefed prior to his 1953 trip to the Far East. He also received some briefing in the field on CFA operations.

b. The following persons were briefed prior to their trips abroad, but were not subsequently debriefed:

1. Senator Styles Bridges (R., N.H.), Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), of the Armed Services Committee, and three members of their staff, were briefed on the labor situation in Western Europe prior to their trip abroad to investigate offshore procurement.

25X1A 2. Congressman Albert Thomas received some briefing from our Senior Representative [redacted] and a member of the latter's staff was assigned to accompany Congressman Thomas to [redacted] where some further briefings took place.

25X1A 3. A general briefing was given to members of the House Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee prior to the trip to Europe of several members of this Subcommittee in 1953.

An offer of briefing was made to Speaker Joseph Martin (R., Mass.) prior to his trip to Germany in 1953, but he felt that the material which he had received from the Department of State was adequate, and that he did not desire any further information.

c. The following persons were debriefed following trips abroad:

25X1A 1. Senator Allen J. Ellender (D., La.), of the Appropriations Committee, was debriefed following his [redacted] During the Senator's trip, CIA received reports that the Senator was asking for information on CIA strengths at various posts and was concerned with duplications. Upon his return, Legislative Counsel

discussed this problem with the Senator at length, and the Senator agreed to leave out all references to CIA from his report. Subsequently, Senator Ellender received a thorough debriefing on his trip.

2. Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), of the Foreign Relations Committee, was debriefed following his return from his 1953 and 1954 trips to Indo-China.

3. The DCI debriefed Congressman John A. Blatnik (D., Minn.) following his 1953 trip to Yugoslavia and conversations with Marshal Tito. Cong. Blatnik served with Air Force Intelligence and OSS during World War II.

4. Mr. William Heimlich, Special Consultant to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was debriefed following his 1953 trip abroad to study U. S. information activities.

5. Mr. Julius Cahn, Counsel to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was debriefed in 1954 following his trip to the Caribbean area.

d. A program of luncheon meetings for key Congressional personnel was instituted during the second session of the 83rd Congress. It is believed that these luncheons were extremely useful from the standpoint of advising key members of the Congress regarding the functions of CIA and the progress the Agency has been making. Among those who have received such briefings are the following:

Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, Chairman, Armed Services Committee;

Cong. Dewey Short, Chairman, Armed Services Committee;

Sen. William F. Knowland, Senate Majority Leader;

Twelve Freshman Republican Senators under the Chairmanship of the late Sen. Griswold, who invited the DCI to one of their weekly orientation luncheons in 1953;

Thirteen Freshman Republican Congressmen (known as the SOS Club) who held one of their weekly breakfast meetings at CIA in April 1954;

Senator Frank Carlson, Chairman of the Senate Post Office & Civil Service Committee, and Congressman Edward Rees, Chairman of the House Post Office & Civil Service Committee, with whom, in addition, we discussed certain legislative requirements in the civil service field;

Cong. John McCormack, House Minority Whip (who also rendered valuable guidance in the passage of the legislation establishing the Deputy Director's position).

a. In addition to the above briefings, the following incidents are noteworthy:

1. In response to a letter from Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) to the President, Mr. Houston, [redacted] and Legislative Counsel briefed Sen. Douglas on certain unclassified problems in the defector field in which the Senator was interested.

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2. In February 1954 Chairman Taber (R., N. Y.) of the House Appropriations Committee, requested a substantive briefing on the general Soviet situation, particularly in regard to military strengths, and this briefing was handled by [redacted] of OCI.

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3. Cong. Leslie Arends (R., Ill.), the Republican Whip, requested information regarding certain armament activities in Guatemala, and was briefed by a representative of the WH Division/DDP. The same question was asked on behalf of Senator Wiley, and the DCI handled same by telephone.

4. Cong. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Cal.), of the House Judiciary Committee, discussed with the Director his proposed bill (H. R. 8000) to grant political asylum to a special defector quota. The draft of his bill was revised in CIA, and these suggested revisions were fully accepted by Mr.

Hillings. The Congressman subsequently turned over to the Agency certain material which he had received on his trip to Western Europe.

5. In May 1954, Congressman Judd (R., Minn.), of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, made the feature talk at the CIA orientation course.

6. Mr. Philip Allen, Chief Clerk of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Mr. Julius Cahn, Counsel to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, addressed the CIA Reserve meetings on the legislative process, particularly as it concerned their Committees.